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In re application of:

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Serial No: 09/670,917

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING
SILICON NITRIDE FORMED IN A REACTION
CONTAINER WITH NF₃ GAS FLOWING INTO
THE REACTION CONTAINER (AS TWICE
AMENDED)

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
☒ A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is enclosed.
☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		ADD'L FEE DUE
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	14	-	20**	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18.00	\$ 0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	3	-	3**	0	LG=\$84 SM=\$42	\$84.00	\$ 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140		\$ 0
Independent Claims: 1, 22, 27					TOTAL		\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

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